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Official reports indicate that Southern forces

I. Military Situation.

Although press reports state that Northern columns have bypassed Suwon, there are no official reports of large-scale Northern operations during the past twenty-four hours. Official reports continue to indicate that the principal Northern activity is a build-up of forces south of the Han River, to the north and east of Suwon. Some progress appears to have been made in re-assembling and consolidating Southern remnants south of the Han River and Southern units continue in contact with the enemy in the Seoul-Suwon area.

Northern Korean ground forces in the Seoul-Suwon area include the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th Divisions of the "People's Army." There has been no contact between Northern forces and the provisional Battalion of the US 24th Division north of Taejon. Additional elements of this Division are now moving north from Pusan.

Northern naval forces lost six motor trawlers in actions by the US 7th Fleet along the east coast. There are no reports yet available on the results of US and UK carrier strikes against targets north of the 38th Parallel. Elements of the 7th Fleet report a possible submarine contact off Chumunjin on the East coast.

Northern aircraft, reportedly including four jets, strafed Suwon airstrip and dropped surrender leaflets. Latest official reports indicate little Northern air activity in the past twenty-four hours, possibly as a result of unexpected poor weather, which will probably continue today. A Northern airforce POW has stated that Northern air forces do not have facilities for night operations.

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II. Survival Potential.

There appears to be relatively little change in the survival potential situation of the Republic of Korea since yesterday. Ambassador Muccio reports that the Yongwol Power Plant, which has been producing half of Southern Korea's electric power recently, shut down at noon on 2 July. Apparently the Republican Police responsible for plant security withdrew, whereupon the operating employees also left. Efforts are being made to return the plant to operation. Unofficial reports indicate that Southern Korean police are executing Communist suspects in Suwon and Taejon, in an effort both to eliminate a potential 5th column and to take revenge for reported northern executions in Seoul. There continues to be no confirmation of guerrilla activity in the south despite extensive northern claims.

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